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20 November 1951

MEMORANDUM TO: Chief, Security Control Staff

SUBJECT : Discrepancies in OPC Top Secret Inventory

1. Pursuant to your request, the following suggestions are offered in addition to recommendations a, b, and c, in the memorandum from Physical Security Branch to Chief, Security Division, dated 5 October 1951:

a. In addition to their recommendation "a. Permission be granted to OPC to clear their T.S. Control records;" such clearing will consist of entries in the T.S. log that the document was lost or unaccounted for and reflect a reference to their inventory;

b. That the attached memoranda and inventory be sent to the CIA Top Secret Control Officer for his consideration and recommendations;

c. That the Deputy Director, Plans, be requested to effect, through the Assistant Director for Policy Coordination, a severe reprimand to personnel of OPC handling Top Secret documents, and indicating that strict enforcement of the Security Regulations will be followed in the future.

2. In explanation of suggestion c above, it is felt that this or some similar action is vital if a repetition is to be prevented. It is recognized that these 1,015 Top Secret documents still unaccounted for represent a relatively small percentage (2.7) of the volume handled; however, these documents, individually, should contain information the disclosure of which would cause exceptionally grave damage to the nation.

3. A last recommendation is to renew specific responsibility in the Area Top Secret Control Officer for OPC, through AD/OPC and CIA, TSCO, to effect a control over all TS documents in OPC, through the appropriate alternate and Assistant TSCO's under close coordination with the CIA Top Secret Control Officer. This recommendation is made in lieu of Recommendation d. in the memorandum dated 5 October 1951.

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